

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, lines 19-28:

In the former, there is an advantage that the storage operating control can be linked with an application(s) of the host computer easily. ~~While easily, while~~ in the latter, there is-are advantages, that the operating control does not depend upon the operating system on the host computer, and that it is possible to conduct the storage operating control at any time without preparation of an exclusive storage operating agent on the host computer. Further, in the latter, there is an advantage for the host computer that a system can be assembled with no attention ~~nor consciousness to or awareness of such~~ the storage operating control.

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With the embodiment of the Fig. 1, it is proposed a method of adopting the “Out of band method”, while taking in the advantages of the “In band method”, as well. Namely, it is the method, in which the data 107 for use in storage operating can be read out and/or ~~writer~~ written in from the host computer 101, for the purpose of linking or cooperating of the storage operation and the application 102 of the host computer. The storage operating server 113 is provided, and the storage operating data 107 is obtained herein from the interface 117 for use in storage operation. A storage operating data server program 114 is resided in the storage operating server 113, so as to make possible the operation of the storage operating data 107 from the host computer 101. Further, installation of a WWW server program 115 into the

storage operating server 113 brings the storage operating data 107 to be operated from ~~the host computer 101~~ a WWW terminal(s) 110 through the storage operation 111 using http protocol on TCP/IP 112, thereby enabling the storage operation in the same manner as in the conventional art.

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After confirmation of this response, the host computer 101 is shut down (Step 404). The movement of the volume is carried out during stoppage of the host computer 101 (Step 405). The host computer 101 is started or initialized again (Step 406), and the use of the storage device is re-started (Step 407).

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Further, with the provision of a physical and theoretical shut-off switch 116 in the interface for use in the storage operation, the storage operating control on the storage device can be refused from the ~~storage operating~~ WWW terminal 110, whenever it is necessary, by initiative of a user.